

message



welcome message from pastor dan

WELCOME TO OC GRACE TODAY! We are especially happy you are celebrating Easter with us! If you are attending our first service please come upstairs afterward and enjoy a fabulous Easter brunch with us if you have not already, or if you are attending our second service begin the morning with brunch!

As we celebrate this morning, begin by taking yourself back 2,000 years ago, to the hearts and thoughts of Jesus's followers during those hours between that Friday and Sunday morning . . . things looked terrible! He is gone, and He is not coming back! Three years believing in Him wasted! The dream is over! And then . . . the rumors begin to fly! No! It cannot happen . . . but what if it has happened? It is that "What if . . ." that the messages in both services are focusing on today. If it is true—and if you are here today, you are probably betting it is true—then what does it mean . . . today? Do we as Christians really have something others do not have? C. S. Lewis penned a famous thought: "That (the "what if") is precisely what Christianity is about. This world is a great sculptor's shop. We are the statues and there is a rumour going around the shop that some of us are going to come to life."

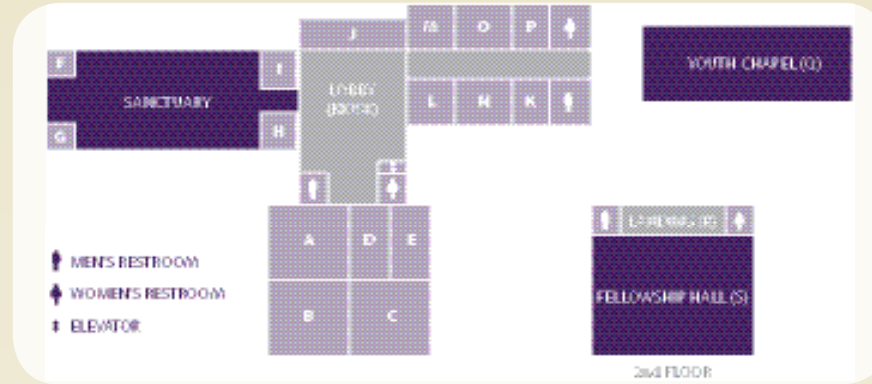
If this is your first time at GGSDA OC GRACE today, we have a great free gift for you at the Concierge Desk in the Lobby: the book *Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with His Father's Questions about Christianity*. I read this thought-provoking book as I was flying to and from Vietnam for a two-week mission. Early in life the author, like his father, was an atheist . . . but as time went on he converted to Christianity! He then became a theologian and a pastor. Yearning for his atheist father to know Jesus, he invited him to write him a letter with the hardest questions . . . and today's gift book is the letters that went back and forth between them. It is a great picture of God and offers the most logical, easy-to-read answers about Christianity that I have ever read. Just ask for it on your way out, and it is yours! And if you decide Christianity is an issue worth a look, let one of us pastors know . . . we will buy you Starbucks and give you our best answers to your best questions!

Again, thanks for celebrating Easter with us . . . make sure you go upstairs for brunch . . . and we hope you will visit OC Grace again soon!

God bless and Happy Easter!

Pastor Dan

general information



upcoming events

Dates	Event
Today	First Service @ 9:25am in the Sanctuary
	Easter Brunch @ 9:30am to 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall
	Second Service @ 11:30am in the Sanctuary
	Vietnamese Fellowship @ 4:30pm in the Youth Chapel
	Youth Lazer Tag @ 7:20pm (See Pastor Sara-May for details.)
4/16 sun	Easter
4/16 sun to 5/3 wed	Please pray for the Philippine Mission.
4/18 tue	Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:45pm in the Board Room
4/22 sat	OC Grace Meetup @ Griffith Park @ 5:00pm
5/2 tue	Church Board Meeting @ 7:45pm in the Board Room
5/6 sat	Fellowship Dinner@ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

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welcome to garden grove seventh-day adventist church



Transformation

APRIL 15, 2017
EASTER SATURDAY

Please join us for . . .

Easter Brunch



TODAY!
9:30am - 11:30am
Fellowship Hall

Pray for our **Philippine Mission**
April 16 to May 3



PLEASE HELP! Empty Shelves Equal Hungry People!
Community Service urgently needs food for the 500+ individuals and families we serve each month!
DONATE: —Canned or Dry Beans —Chili and Soup —Rice —Pasta —Peanut Butter —Canned vegetables and fruits —Cereal —Juice —Etc
FILLING COMMUNITY SERVICE'S SHELVES WILL SEND CHILDREN TO BED EACH NIGHT WITH FULL TUMMIES!

OC Grace

April 15, 2017

First Service

11:30am - Sanctuary

PRAISE AND WORSHIP OC Grace Praise Team
WELCOME Keith Webber and Sara-May Colon
CHILDREN'S CHOIR OC Grace Kids
PRAISE AND ADORATION OC Grace Praise Team
TEACHING Tony Wuerfel
HOW CAN IT BE? Priscilla Wilson
TEACHING Dan Smith
OFFERING CALL Joe Schmidt
BENEDICTION Dan Smith and Tony Wuerfel

Second Service

11:30am - Sanctuary

GATHERING SONGS OC Grace Praise Team
WELCOME OC Grace Pastors
Dan Smith, Sara-May Colon, Tony Wuerfel, and Toan Quach
WORSHIP IN ART OC Grace Drama Team
CHILDREN'S CORNER OC Grace Kids
PRAISE AND ADORATION OC Grace Praise Team
WORSHIP IN WORD Dan Smith and Tony Wuerfel
WORSHIP IN GIVING Toan Quach
OFFERTORY OC Grace Choir
BENEDICTION OC Grace Pastors
POSTLUDE Carol Meckstroth

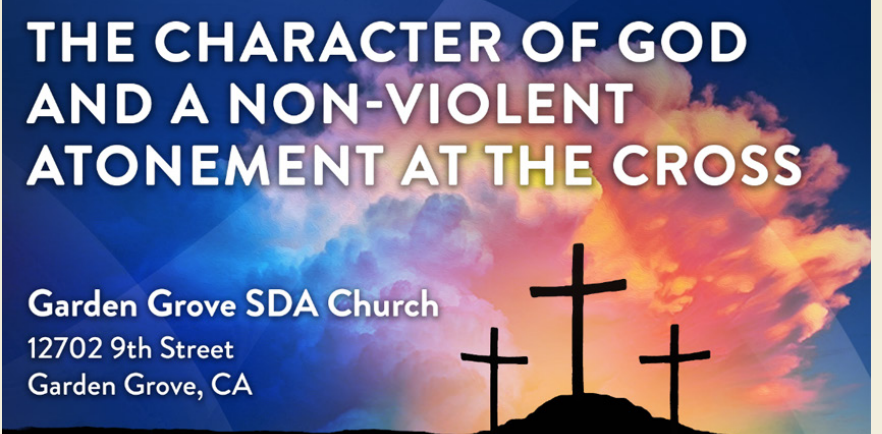
Sabbath Rest Ends: 7:22pm Tonight
Sabbath Welcome Starts: 7:27pm Friday, April 21

You are invited to Fellowship Dinner!



BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH AND ENJOY WARM FELLOWSHIP!
Saturday, May 6
FELLOWSHIP HALL - 1:00PM

THE CHARACTER OF GOD AND A NON-VIOLENT ATONEMENT AT THE CROSS



Garden Grove SDA Church
12702 9th Street
Garden Grove, CA

SAVE *the* DATE
OCTOBER 12-15, 2017
WEEKEND CONFERENCE

- **Public Presentations**
- **Q & A Sessions**
Thursday night, Friday night, and all day Sabbath
- **Presentations of Position Papers rooted in Scripture**
- **Q & A Sessions**
Thursday afternoon, all day Friday, and Sunday morning

GREAT MUSIC, FOOD, AND A DREAM TEAM OF SPEAKERS ON THE CHARACTER OF GOD: Herb Montgomery, Tim Jennings, Jon Henderson, Jon Paulien, Mark Witas, Brad Cole, Jean Sheldon, Dan Smith, Tony Wuerfel, Alden Thompson